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WELFARE OF WORKERS A DEFENSE PROBLEM

Washington, April 7.—At a meeting, last Monday, of the labor committee of the advisory commission, National Council of Defense, the chairman, President Compers, appointed the following scientific committee:

Samuel Gompers, chairman; Secretary of Labor Wilson; Frank Morrison, secretary A. F. of L.; James O'Connell, second vice president A. F. of L.; James Lord, president mining department, A. F. of L.; Warren S. Stone, grand chief engineer, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Elisha Lee, general manager Pennsylvania railroad; V. Everit Macy, president National Civic Federation; Leo K. Frankel, in charge of welfare department Metropolitan Life Insurance company; A. Parker Nevin, National Association of Manufacturers, and Louis B. Schram, of New York.

The meeting was attended by a large number of trade unionists, including officials of national and international unions, and other men and women interested in various phases of America's social life. It was the purpose of the meeting to coordinate every social force to the end that many experiences born by this country and Europe may be utilized without impairing democratic institutions. The bulk of the work in the hour iron bands and the Independent Sheet and Tin Manufacturers' association for sheet and tin.

The effect of organized iron, sheet and tin workers' efforts is shown in the recent announcement by the United States steel corporation that wages are raised.

Members of the Amalgamated association declare that this increase will fall far short of the spirit of the bonus inclusion in the trust's various plants.

STEADY GAINS BY CARPENTERS.

Indianapolis, April 7.—General Secretary-Treasurer Duffy of the Brotherhood of Carpenters reports the following recent gains by affiliates of this organization:

Jacksonville, Ill., hour and wages from 50 to 60 cents an hour; Flagstaff, Ariz., increase from 55 to $5.00 a day; Wheaton and Elmhurst, Ill., increase from 62 1-2 to 65 cents an hour and a two-year agreement; West Chicago, Ill., from 45 to 62 1-2 cents an hour; Hinsdale, Ill., from 55 to 57 1-2 cents an hour.

Recently the following locals were organized:

Anasco, Porto Rico; Burlington, Ia., (cabinet); Maryville, Tenn.; McCook, Nebr.; Cheney, Wash.; Lenoir, N. C.; New Carlisle, Ohio; Decatur, Mo.; Round Head, Ohio; Decatur, Mo.; Round Head, Ohio; Decatur, Mo.; Round Head